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**1. Section „Drawings“.**

1.1. Your requirement that „the drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims“, is fulfilled. The amended Claims (enclosure 1) comprises all the features, which were shown on the initially filed Drawings, excepting the feature „a cylinder-piston unit“. On the Fig. 1 of corrected Drawing (enclosure 2) and on the replaced page 6 of the description (enclosure 3) this feature is marked by the number 31.

1.2. We call your attention to the fact, that the invaginator in the shape of a thin-walled tube, everted under the fluid pressure, is represented on the drawings by number 15 - a non-everted part and number 16 - an everted part.

**2. Section „Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112“.**

The amended Claims (enclosure 1) are accepted in the European Patent Office.

**3. Section „Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102“.**

**3.1. Paragraph „In regard to claims 1, 3 and 11-12“.**

Opposing of U.S. Pat. 5,370,610 (Reynolds) is ungrounded. Reynolds discloses not an intestinal intubator with drain and irrigator, but a multi-lumen drainage tube, intended for wounds. Its introducing does not need any explanations. But atraumatic intubation of intestines, in particular – of 1,6 meters long colon having not less than 5 bends – is a problem. We have solved it in accordance with the principle „pull-and-push“. In connection with intubation, as well as in connection with the problem of evacuation of colon contents, our complex comprises:

- a thin-walled tube everted under the fluid pressure, where the everted part (16) ... (see the continuation in the prior-art portion of the amended claim 1),
- a hose (19) with punctures, enclosed in the drain (17) ... – see the characterising portion of the amended claim 1,
- a hose (18) with punctures enclosed in the non-everted part (15) of said thin-walled tube – see the amended claim 2,

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- a tube (20), where the end of said tube is joined with the end of the non-everted part (15) of the thin-walled tube and the drain (17) – see the amended claim 3,
- a cylinder-piston unit (31) ... (see the continuation in the amended claim 4).

In the system by Reynolds there is not neither a thin-walled tube (15, 16) everted by the fluid pressure, nor hoses (18 and 19). Those, as against the multi-lumen drainage tube, have no lumen. There is no also a cylinder-piston unit in Reynold's disclosure. In a functional sense the Reynold's system also could not be considered as an analogue of this invention.

3.2. Paragraph „In regard to claims 2 and 4”

The statement is ungrounded, as neither in description, nor on the Fig. 1, 2 by Reynolds there is not neither a thin-walled tube everted under the fluid pressure and comprising a drain, nor their intractor, nor a reel.

3.3. Paragraph „In regard to claim 5”

The statement is ungrounded, as neither in description, nor on the Fig. 2 by Reynolds there is not neither a thin-walled tube everted under the fluid pressure, nor a spiral-knitted drain.

3.4. Paragraph „In regard to claims 6 and 10”

The statement is ungrounded, as neither in description, nor on the Fig. 4 by Reynolds there is not neither a thin-walled tube with drain, everted under the fluid pressure, nor a drain enclosing a hose with or without punctures, nor the hoses itself.

The hose (19) according to this invention combines the unique functions: at feeding of liquid pressure into it, the hose recanalizes the drain (17) and irrigates the intestine; in the draining mode the hose (19) does not have lumen and practically does not occupy a place in the drain (17).

3.5. Paragraph „In regard to claim 7”

The statement is ungrounded, as neither in description, nor on the Fig. 2 by Reynolds there is no a thin-walled tube everted by fluid pressure, which repeats the form of a drain, enclosed therein.

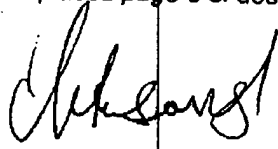
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1. The Amended Claims
2. The Corrected Drawing 1/2
3. The replaced page 6 of description

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